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REPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS IN INCREASING IMPROVING, AND PROTECTING RAILWAY SERVICE

Some Ch'i-ch'i-ha-erh locomotives have exceeded the "500 kilometers-per-day" goal, while two Tsinan locomotives have completed 100,000 kilometers service without mishap. The success of the latter is attributed to the contract system.

A labor hero in Tientsin has enabled the locomotive "Mao Tsetung" to pull a load 18 percent above standard requirements, and an employee of the K'ai-feng railway repair shops has constructed a locomotive brake-testing platform which permits testing of brakes without dissembling.

Patriotic appeals exhort workers to better service.

CH'I-CH'I-HA-ERH BUREAU WINS HONORS -- Mukden, Tung-pei Jih-pao, 12 Nov 50

Ch'i-ch'i-ha'erh -- As a result of the "500 kilometer-per-day" movement, which was Launched to increase the efficiency of train operation in the Northeast, the Ch'i-ch'i-ha-erh Bureau has achieved excellent results and won the championship for July, August, and September 1950.

Through more skillful and conscientious attention to train despatching, road maintenance, and to the care, inspection, and repair of rolling stock; certain locomotives operating in the Ch'i-ch'i-ha'erh section achieved in August a record of 539.7 kilometers per day per locomotive. The average for all the locomotives in this section showed the following gains: for July, 429.7 kilometers day per locomotive; for August, 440.2; for September, 456.3.

The proportion of locomotive in the shops and under repair at a given time, compared to the total number of locomotives assigned to the Ch'i-ch'i-ha-erh Railway Bureau, has been progressively lowered as follows: for July by 19.2 percent, for August, 15.3; and for September, 14 percent.

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TWO TSINAN LOCOMOTIVES SET RECORD -- Tsinan, Ta-chung Jih-pao, 12 Nov 50

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Tsinan -- During the first week of November 1950, two locomotives stationed at Tsinan completed 100,000 kilometers of operations without any avoidable mishaps after running safely for one year and 16 days and one year and 5 months, respectively. This good performance is attributed mainly to the conscientious carefulness and increasing efficiency of the train crews and railroad gangs working under the contract system of employment which includes responsibility for inspections, maintenance and repairs. The Tsinan railway contract gang is considered the model gang for the whole line.

TIENTSIN LOCOMOTIVE TOPS STANDARD LOAD -- Tientsin Jih-pao, 21 Nov 50

Tientsin -- Li Jung, Engineer of a locomotive named the "Mao Tse-tung," has become a labor hero. Participating as a delegate in a conference of the National Association of Model Workers, he proposed a movement to increase the hauling performance of locomotives.

Acting upon his own proposal, on 17 November 1950, with the cooperation of his fireman, Wang Ch'ing-ch'uan, engineer Li Jung pulled on schedule, from Tientsin to Feng-t'ai, a train whose load exceeded the standard load for that locomotive by 18 percent. As the train passed stations en loute and arrived at Feng-t'ai, it was greeted with drums, gongs, and banners.

The significance of this event is that if other locomotive crews respond to the challenge of the movement initiated by Li Jung and succeed in equaling or approaching Li Jung's achievement, the result will be a substantial increase in the volume of freight transported with existing equipment.

CIVILIAN GROUPS PROTECT RAILWAYS -- Shanghai, Ta Kung Pao, 23 Nov 50

Shanghai -- Under the slogan, "We will to the best of our ability protect the safe and uninterrupted operation of our railways as the way in which we show our resistance to US and our aid to Korea," some 250 groups, embracing over 2,000 civilians, have been organized to protect the railways under the control of the Shanghai Railway Bureau. These groups will guard the railways, especially at night and in the rural districts. Numerous thieves and saboteurs have been taken into custody by these bands, and a considerable quantity of spikes, bolts, and other stolen railway materials has been recovered.

USE PATRIOTIC SLOGANS -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 20 Nov 50

Peiping, 19 November (Hsin-hua) -- Better railway service and more service through better performance of duties by railway workers is being sought through a nation-wide movement appealing to patriotic motives. Among the specific objectives are heavier loads to be drawn by locomotives, and more rapid completion of inspection and repair of locomotives and rolling stock by the railway shops. Appeals to the workers are couched is such expressions as:

"Turn righteous anger into productive strength."

"Let every man, under all circumstances, stand faithfully at his post, as suring the safety of transportation and guarding well his country's defenses."

"The workshop is a battlefield, machines are weapons."

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"The repair of one more railroad car is like the production of one more artillery shell."

DEVISES LOCOMOTIVE BRAKE-TESTING PLATFORM -- K'ai-feng, Honan Jih-pao, 17 Nov 50

K'ai-feng -- An employee of the K'ai-feng railway repair shops devised, and on 20 October, successfully completed the construction of a locomotive brake-testing platform. This platform permits the testing of the brakes without disassembling, and without the necessity of depending upon another locomotive for air pressure.

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